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Jun. 2 – Angelus: Jesus Worried About Those Who Followed Him Being Hungry – Translated conclusion (2 June 2013, VIS).

Let us ask our Mother Mary to help us in this conversion, to truly follow more closely Jesus whom we adore in the Eucharist.

Jun. 5 – Telegram on Death of Cardinal Nagy, Expert Theologian – Translated conclusion (June 5, 2013, VIS).

I pray earnestly that the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, welcome this faithful servant and eminent man of the Church to eternal peace and joy.

Jun. 6 – Pope's Address to the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy – Translated conclusion (June 06, 2013, Zenit.org).

... I commend you to the safekeeping of the Virgin Mary ...

Jun. 7 – Text for Francis' Meeting with Students of Jesuit Schools: "To educate is not a profession but an attitude, a way of being" – Translated conclusion (June 07, 2013, Zenit.org).

I entrust you to the maternal intercession of Mary.

Jun. 9 – On the Mercy of Christ – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 09, 2013, Zenit.org).

Let us turn to the Virgin Mary: her immaculate heart, the heart of a mother, shared in God's "compassion" as far as possible, especially in the hour of the passion and death of Jesus. Help us, Mary, to be meek, humble and merciful with our brothers.

Jun. 11 – Pope Records Message for Blind and Visually Impaired. – Translated conclusion (June

11, 2013, VIS).

I entrust you all to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother.

Jun. 11 – Pope Sends Message to Filipino Catholics: Catholic Leaders Consecrate Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Translated extracts (June 11, 2013, Zenit.org).

The Holy Father unites himself spiritually with you on this important occasion, praying that the Most Pure Heart of our Blessed Mother Mary may inspire all Filipinos to devote themselves through her, to Jesus her divine Son. ...

[The Holy Father] hopes that devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, beating in unison with that of her unborn Child, may inspire an ever greater appreciation and attention to all human life, from conception through natural death, and lead to greater service to the poorest and the weakest, those who are closest to God himself.

Jun. 13 – Pope's Address to the 13th Ordinary Council of the Secretariat General of the Synod of Bishops – Translated conclusion of the prepared text that was not given (June 13, 2013, Zenit.org).

Entrusting your ecclesial service to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the New Evangelization...

Jun. 14 – Francis' Address to "La Civiltà Cattolica": "Your main task is not to build walls but bridges" – Translated conclusion (June 14, 2013, Zenit.org).

... I entrust you to the Madonna della Strada...

Jun. 16 – Pope's Homily at Evangelium Vitae Mass – Translated conclusion (June 16, 2013, Zenit.org).

Let us ask Mary, Mother of Life, to help us receive and bear constant witness to the "Gospel of Life".

Jun. 16 – On the Gospel of Life – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 16, 2013, Zenit.org).

We turn now to Our Lady, entrusting each human life – especially the most fragile, defenseless and threatened – to her maternal protection.

Jun. 19 – Francis' Letter to Delegate for Legionaries of Christ: "Please extend a word of encouragement on my behalf" – Translated conclusion (June 26, 2013, Zenit.org).

I send a special Apostolic Blessing to all, entrusting them to the care of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Jun. 20 – Pope's Most Recent Appeal: An End to the Interminable Violence and Insecurity in Middle East – Translated conclusion (June 20, 2013, VIS).

I ... implore the Most Holy Mother of God to console all of those in the 'time of great distress.'

Jun. 21 – Pope Francis' Address to Pontifical Representatives and Apostolic Nuncios – translated extracts (June 21, 2013, Zenit.org).

Let us think of the figure of St. Joseph, who watches over Mary and Jesus, of his care for the family that God entrusted to him, and the watchful gaze with which he guides it in avoiding dangers.

...May ... Mary keep you.

Jun. 21 – Pope Francis' Message to Youth of Lithuania – Translated extracts (July 01, 2013, Zenit.org).

And here I would like to underscore the beauty of a simple contemplative prayer, accessible to all, great and small, educated and not very educated; it is the prayer of the Holy Rosary. In the Rosary we address the Virgin Mary, so that she will lead us to an ever closer union with her Son Jesus to be conformed to Him, to have His sentiments, to act like Him. In the Rosary, in fact, by repeating the "Hail Mary," we meditate on the Mysteries, the events of the life of Christ to know and love Him ever more. The Rosary is an effective instrument to open ourselves to God, because it helps us to overcome our egoism and to have peace in our hearts, in our families, in society and in the world.

... May the maternal presence of Mary be of support to you on this path ...

Jun. 22 – Pope's Address on 50th Anniversary of Paul VI's Election: "Jesus is more necessary than ever for the man of today" – Translated conclusion (June 25, 2013, Zenit.org). I entrust you all to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, ...

Jun. 23 – On Losing One's Life for Christ – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 24, 2013, Zenit.org).

On this path we are, as always, preceded by our Mother, Mary Most Holy: she lost her life for Jesus, going to the cross, and she received it [back] in fullness, with all the light and beauty of the Resurrection. May Mary help us always make the logic of the Gospel our own.

... May ... Our Lady protect you!

Jun. 24 – Decree of Plenary Indulgence for World Youth Day –Translated extract (July 09, 2013, Zenit.org).

The Partial Indulgence is granted to the faithful, wherever they are during the said meeting, whenever, at least with a contrite spirit, they raise fervent prayers to God, concluding with the official prayer of the World Youth Day, and devout invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Brazil, under the title of "Our Lady of Conception Aparecida,"

Jun. 25 – Pope Sends Condolences to Family of Former Prime Minister: Emilio Colombo Dead at 93 –Translated extract (June 25, 2013, Zenit.org).

... entrusting his soul to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ...

Jun. 25 – Francis Answers Letter from Argentina's President: Admits His Work Is "Not at All Easy" –Translated conclusion (July 19, 2013, Zenit.org).

May ... the Holy Virgin take care of you.

Jun. 29 – On the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 30, 2013, Zenit.org).

I also invite all of you to pray together an Ave Maria for Patriarch Bartholomew I. Everyone together, Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed in the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

.....May our beloved Mother, Mary Most Holy, accompany and sustain us.

Jun. 29 – Pope Francis' Homily on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul – Translated conclusion (June 30, 2013, Zenit.org).

May the holy Mother of God guide us and accompany us always with her intercession. Queen of Apostles, pray for us! Amen.

Jun. 29 – Pope Francis in Lumen Fidei - Encyclical Letter – Translated conclusion (June 30, 2013, vatican.va).

Blessed is she who believed (Lk 1:45)

58. In the parable of the sower, Saint Luke has left us these words of the Lord about the "good soil": "These are the ones who when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Lk 8:15). In the context of Luke's Gospel, this mention of an honest and good heart which hears and keeps the word is an implicit portrayal of the faith of the Virgin Mary. The evangelist himself speaks of Mary's memory, how she treasured in her heart all that she had heard and seen, so that the word could bear fruit in her life. The Mother of the Lord is the perfect icon of faith; as Saint Elizabeth would say: "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45).

To read the entire article visit: [Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis "Lumen Fidei"](#)

Jun. 30 – On the Freedom That Comes From God – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 30, 2013, Zenit.org).

Deep inside herself Our Lady, with great simplicity, listened and meditated on the Word of God and on that which happened to Jesus. She followed her Son with intimate conviction, with firm hope. Mary helps us to become more and more men and women of conscience, free in conscience, because it is in conscience that there is dialogue with God. She helps us to become more and more men and women capable of listening to God's voice and of following it with decision.